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## Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order/ Welcome

The meeting of the First Things First – Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on **December 10, 2012** at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness Center, at 488 Hualapai Way, in Peach Springs, Arizona, 86434.

Chair Imus called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

### Members Present

Reverend Pete Imus, Chair; Joyce Holgate; Charlene Imus; Sandra Irwin; Helen J. W. Querta; Lucille Watahomigie (telephonically)

### Members Absent

Madelena Cesspooch

### Members Excused

Candida Hunter

### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Irwin made a motion to approve the October 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Member Holgate seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### Call to the Public

There were no responses to the Call to the Public.

### Regional Partnership Council Member Updates and Announcements

Chair Imus announced there will be a youth leadership training December 27 – featuring Miss Indian UNLV – and December 28 – featuring Miss Indian ASU, and the Youth Council inauguration will be December 22. Member Holgate announced the Head Start Program and Dinner for children and families on December 20, and Grand Canyon West is sponsoring a carnival type event for children and families on December 21.

### Grantee Presentation and Update – Hualapai Maternal Child Health Program

Jennifer Pope, RN, from the Hualapai Maternal Child Health Program provided an update on referrals and recent events, including a staff retreat. Ms. Pope stated she is collaborating with the community health nurse and making referrals to MileMarkers Therapy. Member Irwin advised that she was asked during a school visit whether the Dysmorphology Clinic could increase visits to screen for developmental delays. Ms. Pope noted that she plans to hold the next parent meeting in January to explain prenatal delays and concerns. Member Watahomigie asked if Ms. Pope had looked into the creative curriculum that Head Start uses, as the Regional Council had requested. Member Holgate stated Head Start would be switching to Teaching Strategy Gold next year. Ms. Pope stated the Maternal Child Health program has selected the Parents as Teachers model. Director Pascual will assist in putting together an Early Childhood committee to follow up on this item and other collaboration possibilities.

### FTF Evaluation Plan

Director Pascual presented the Research and Evaluation Plan that was shown to the chairs/vice chairs at the Leadership Forum in the fall. The Evaluation Plan, as recommended by the National Advisory Panel, is focused on data that will show whether the services are making a difference. After showing some examples, Director Pascual asked the Regional Council to let her know what information they would want to see on the data dashboards. A data specialist will be hired to work specifically with tribal data, and to ensure

Tribal Council support for data gathering/reporting. The kindergarten developmental inventory is an assessment tool currently in progress, so Regional Council Members are invited to provide input. Member Holgate suggested looking at other tribal regional partnership councils to see if their questions are relevant to the Hualapai Regional Council. The Regional Council agreed that further discussion would be required on this item.

**Possible Approval of FY2014 Regional Funding Plan**

Director Pascual reviewed the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan, pointing out a change in the target number of families served by the home visitation strategy from 25 back to 30. Member Holgate made a motion to approve the FY2014 funding plan as presented. Member Irwin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Regional Director's Report**

Regional Director Pascual mentioned the Board meeting was taking place the same day as the Regional Council meeting. The Board Meeting Summary from the October meeting was included in the meeting packet as attachment 4a.

Regional Director Pascual announced the Chief Executive Officer will visit the region May 8, 2013. Members suggested CEO Allvin tour the new day care facility site and also visit the Cultural Center for a tour and update on the Native Language Preservation book project.

Regional Council Member Recruitment is ongoing, and one potential Philanthropic representative has applied.

Regional Director Pascual presented the FY2013 Financial Expenditures Report update, and pointed out that the expenditures should be around 50% as the Fiscal Year is halfway through. Regional Director Pascual will be requesting inclusion on the next Tribal Council meeting agenda to go over the newly approved FY2014 Funding Plan.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on January 9, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources, 880 West Route 66, Peach Springs, Arizona 86434.

**Adjourn**

Chair Imus adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Sandy Smith, Administrative Assistant**

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**Reverend Pete Imus, Chair**